



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, June 28th, 2017**  
**Mexican American Cultural Center**  
**600 River Street**  
**Austin, TX 78701**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Jill Ramirez, Chair*  
*Carmen Llanes Pulido, Vice-Chair*  
*Isabel López-Aguilar*  
*Dianna Velasquez*  
*Angelica Erazo*

*Emilio Zamora*  
*Jovita Flay*  
*Rodolfo Jiménez*  
*Carlos Espinoza*  
*Cristina Adams*

**Minutes – approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Ramirez

**Board Members in Attendance:**

*Jill Ramirez, Chair, Carmen Llanes Pulido, Vice-Chair, Dianna Velasquez, Angelica Erazo, Jovita Flay, Rodolfo Jiménez, Cristina Adams*

**Staff in Attendance:**

*Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant and Staff Liaison*

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. Kim McKnight, MACC Master Plan
- b. Aida Cera-Prazak, MACC District 4
- c. Ann Teich, Restoring Rundberg
- d. Johnny Limon, Tejano Music Event
- e. Gilbert Delgado, Latino Health Care Forum
- f. Sal Valdez, Latino Health Care Forum
- g. Josefina Aguilar, Latino Health Care Forum
- h. Rodolfo Mendez & Valerie Menard, Outreach program Valley East
- i. Dan Sifuentes, Montopolis
- j. Walter Moral, Foundation Communities
- k. Elizabeth Colvin, Foundation Communities

- l. Sylvia Orozo, Mexic-Arte Museum
- m. Luis Ordaz, Projecto Teatro
- n. Molly Dishamn, City Works
- o. Valerie Menard CMACA
- p. Sonia Sanchez, Foundation Communities

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Consider approval of March 22, 2017 Regular Scheduled meeting, March 25, 2017 Special Called meeting, and April 26, 2017 Regular Scheduled meeting. Tabled for next meeting

## **3. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Language Access presentation by CPIO- goal is to provide consistency across departments guided by the best practice, sustain it beyond the initial funding cycle, organize and implement the practice and be responsive to community priorities

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Report, discussion and possible action regarding working groups and assignments:
  - i. Public participation, transparency and awareness work group- discussion; no action taken
  - ii. Economic Development in Latino Communities work group- no report
  - iii. Health work group- no report
  - iv. Representative Joint Inclusion Committee- no report
  - v. Representative to Commission on Seniors- no report
  - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group- no report
  - vii. Education work group- no report
  - viii. Representative to MACC board- no report
  - ix. Representatives to CodeNext- no report
  - x. QOL Representatives- no report
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Office of Equity update
  - i. CodeNext- no report
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding budget next steps including but not limited to writing letters to council, recommendation process, etc
  - i. Quality of Life budgets- no report
  - ii. Presentation by Rebecca Lightsey regarding American Gateway, an immigrant legal services- Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido motion to recommend legal services for the low income immigrant community for \$500,000 with supporting \$100,000 from Asian American Quality of Life as an emergency fund. Seconded by Commissioner Flay. Passed unanimously.
  - iii. Presentation by MELI Justice Center

- iv. Presentation by Outside the Box Dropout Prevention- Commissioner Velasquez motioned to support Outside the Box Dropout Prevention in the form of \$45,000 for recruiting 100 K-12 students to integrate service learning, dropout prevention, and administer 4,800 hours of one-to-one code tutoring and mentoring to increase the ability of underserved students to develop basic analytical, problem solving, critical thinking skills and apply code concepts to solve complex problems. Seconded by Commissioner Erazo. Passed Unanimously.
- v. Motion by Commissioner Jiménez to approve support for funding of a new full time employee with a value of \$110,000 for a language access coordinator. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Passed unanimously.
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding Asian American Cultural Centers vision to address quality of life of the senior community
  - i. Amy Wong Mok presentation- motion by Chair Ramirez to adopt a letter to support Amy's project. Seconded by Commissioner Jiménez. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action about collaboration between the Samaritan Center and the Walnut Creek Elementary School (AISD) - motion by Commissioner Jiménez to support the Samaritan Center with \$200,000 in funding for expansion of services. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Passed unanimously.

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Note: This section of the agenda gives the members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. By City ordinance, two board members are required to sponsor an item. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda*

- a. Civil service process
  - a. Pathways for advancement for employees in departments
- b. Report on Equity Office budget

## ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10pm. Commissioner Jiménez seconded.

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